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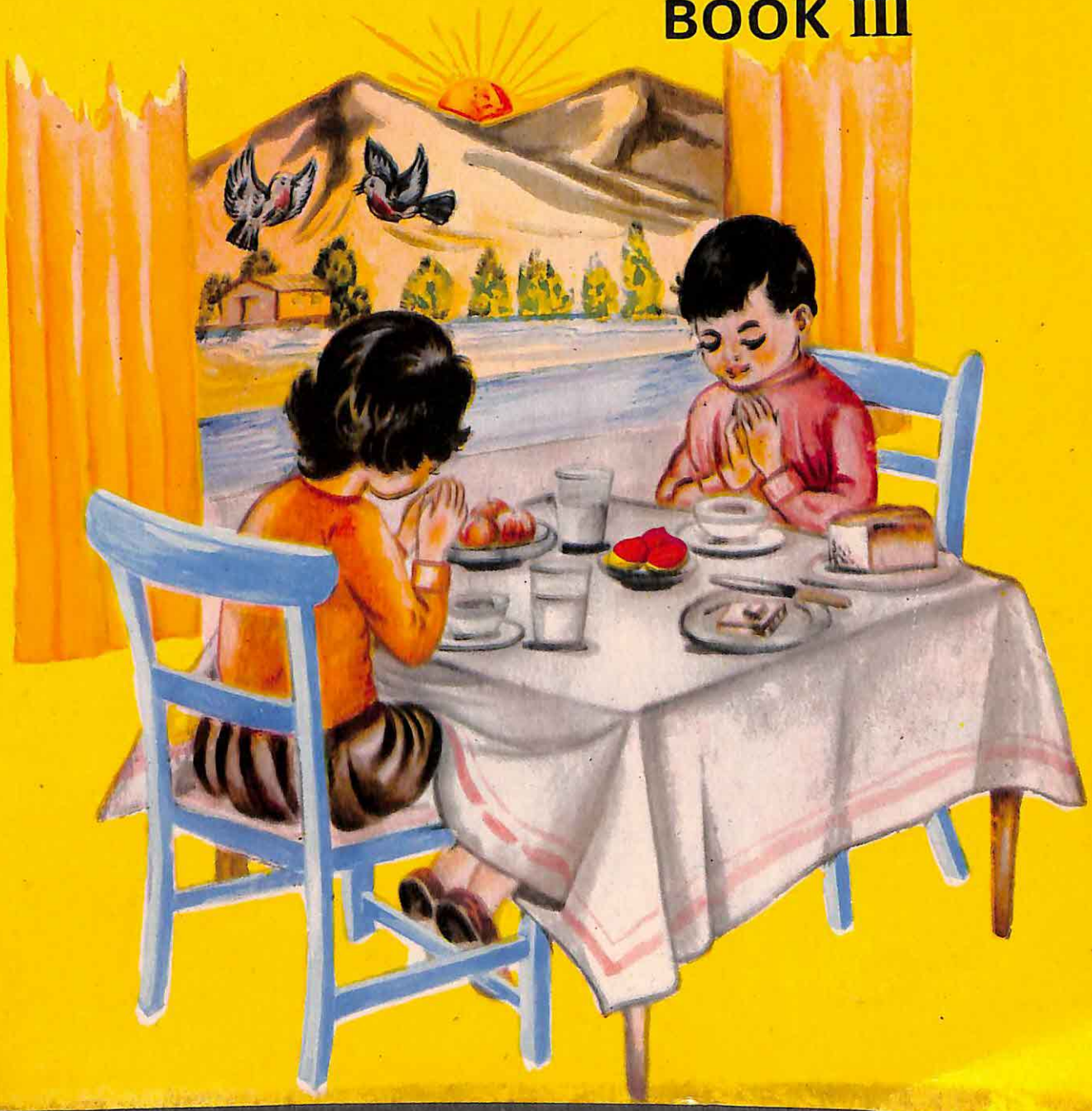

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DEDICATION

THIS SERIES IS DEDICATED TO OUR LOVING DAUGHTER MANJULA WHO HAS SPENT HER PRECIOUS TIME IN HELPING US PREPARE THIS SERIES AND ALSO TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE PREPARING TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITIES IN LIFE.

PREFACE

All principles upon which moral action is based begin with God. These principles are a sure safeguard at the time of trials and temptations in life.

It has been our desire to present these principles in the series entitled, "Amazing Facts in Moral Science", which consists of eight books. Through this series of books we have endeavoured to help the young people know how to live a successful life. We also hope to guide them in performing their duties and responsibilities in the home, in the school, in the society, and in the country at large. We have made an humble effort to help the young people to get a concept of God, His love and dealings with mankind. This has been achieved by dealing with the everyday problems of a child, with making appropriate practical suggestions as to how to meet these problems.

Parents and teachers also play an important and effective role in the sacred work of guiding the young people, so that they grow to be good citizens of the country. Therefore this series is useful for parents and teachers too.

We would like to express our gratitude to our friends for the help and suggestions rendered.

Suggestions for further improvement of the books shall be thankfully received and acknowledged.

—Authors

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1. A Quiet Hour

It is always good to start the day with prayer to God. A few minutes spent with God in the morning will have a lasting influence throughout the day.

Some of us may wonder how to pray and what we should say in our prayer. We can thank God for His protection and good sleep at night. We can thank Him for the day—to do good works for others. We can thank Him for good parents, brothers and sisters. We can thank Him for friends and the teachers in the school.

There are so many other things we can be thankful for. We can also tell God all the problems and worries that we face every day. He is interested in each detail of our lives.

Prayer is communion with God. It is like talking to your close friend. We pray so that we will have God in our lives. Prayer helps us to be closer to God and also with one another.

God listens to the prayer said with a pure and clean heart. He understands our simple language. He hears the old and the young alike.

He gives us spiritual strength to meet temptations in our life. A prayerful life is a successful life.

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1. Starting the day with God is most beneficial.
2. Prayer is communion with God as with a friend.
3. A prayerful life is a successful life

EXERCISES

Answer the following :

1. **How should we start the day ?**

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2. **Name three things that we can say to God in our prayers ?**

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3. **What are the benefits of prayer ?**

Fill in the blanks :

1. _____ **is** _____ **with God.**

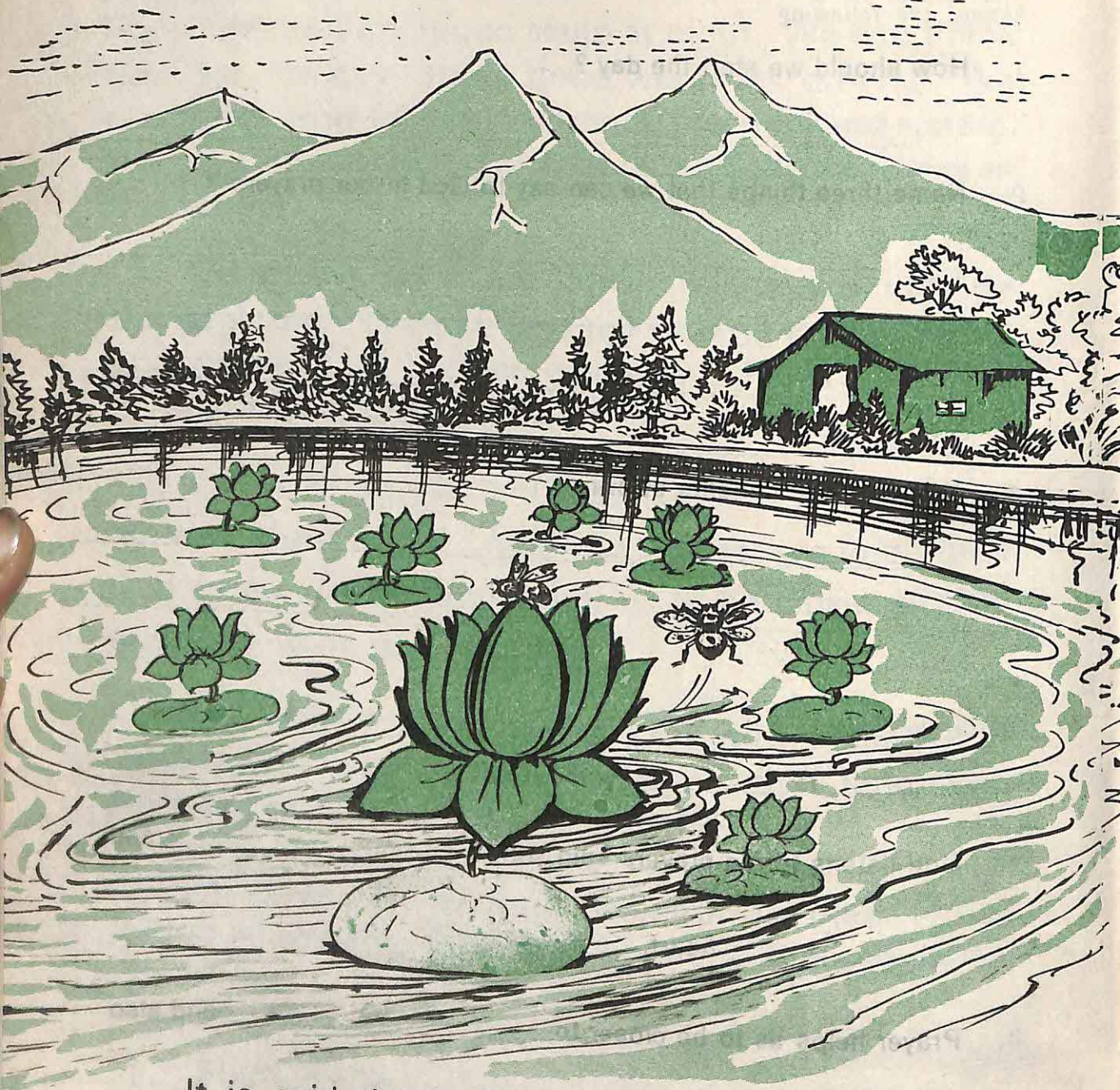
2. **God listens to the prayers said with a** _____ **and**

   _____ **heart.**

3. **Prayer helps us to be closer to** _____ **and also**

   with _____.

2. God Loves You



It is said that a bumble-bee makes holes in the wood and in things made of wood,for example, doors, lamp-posts, windows and chairs.

The bumble-bee gets its food from various flowers.The whole day, the bee flies from one flower to another, taking the nectar and thus satisfying itself. When it becomes dark, the bee goes into its hole to rest for the night.

After taking the nectar from several flowers one day, a certain bumble-bee came and sat on a lotus. It was pleasant sitting on the soft petals. The sun was setting, and as usual, the lotus closed its petals for the night. The bee was trapped inside.

The bee had to remain inside the flower all night. In the morning the lotus opened its petals and thus the bee was free.

Now, the question arises, "If the bee could make holes in a piece of wood, why couldn't it do the same in the petals of the lotus flower, which is so much more tender than wood ?"

Yes, it was very easy for the bee to make a hole and free itself. But, the bee loved the lotus and its beauty, so it did not want to hurt the lotus by making a hole.

Similarly, God can destroy man, because of his sins, but He does not do it. He has no pleasure in it, because He loves man. God gives man the opportunity to turn back to Him from his wickedness.

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1. God loves and protects beautiful things.
2. Harmful creatures become harmless when they see the beauty of Nature.
3. God is merciful to us.

EXERCISES

Answer the following :

1. How does the bumble-bee get its food ?

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2. Why did'nt the bumble-bee make a hole in the petal and free itself ?

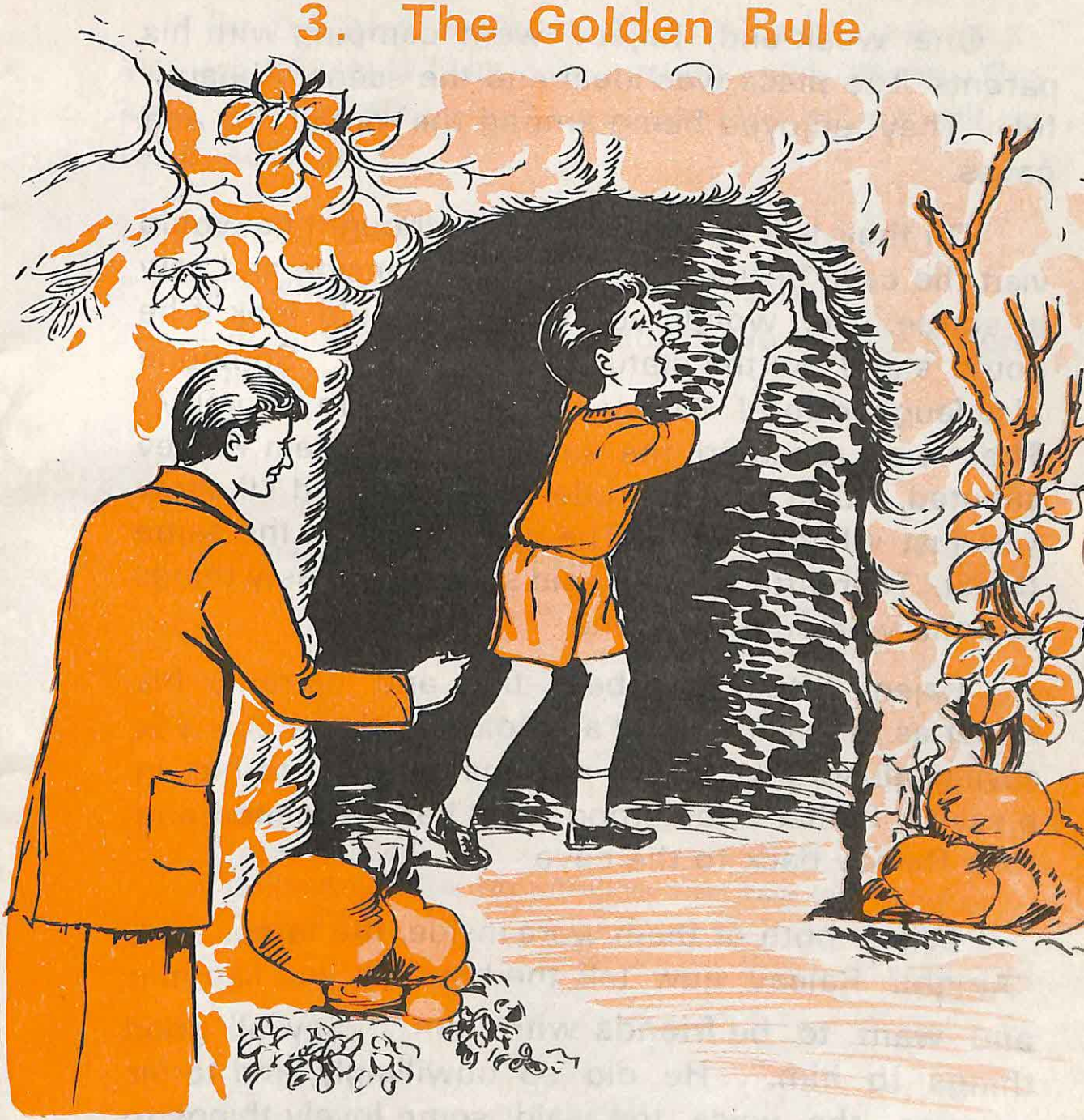
Fill in the blanks :—

1. The bee was ---------- inside.

2. A bumble-bee makes ---------- in the ----------.

3. God gives ---------- the opportunity to turn back to ---------- from his ----------

3. The Golden Rule



The Golden Rule says, "Do to others as you would have them do to you." Oh yes, we do know it, but how manv of us follow the rule ?

One week-end, Rajeev went camping with his parents. The place was ideal and the scenery beautiful. They enjoyed being among the mountains and caves.

On their last day there, Rajeev thought he would visit the cave beside a lake. He went inside and saw a statue. He wondered how he would look if he could stand like the statue. He laughed. Someone else laughed too ! Rajeev said, "Hey. who are you ?" The voice repeated the same thing. Again Rajeev shouted, "Don't be so rude, come out and I'll show you just what I am !" The voice shouted the same threat. Thereafter Rajeev said some very nasty things and the voice did the same.

Rajeev could not bear this and he ran to his father as fast as he could and told him that a boy was saying all sorts of nasty and mean things to him in a cave. Father understood what had happened and took Rajeev back to the cave.

When both of them were inside, the father said, "Alright, Rajeev now tell the boy that you like him and want to be friends with him. Say all good things to him." He did so unwillingly, and to his surprise, the voice too said some lovely things to him which made him very happy. The father then explained that it was the echo he had been hearing and not another boy.

"Do to others as you would have them do to you. We will be treated the same as we treat others. The kind and gentle words we use for others will be returned to us.

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1. We will be treated as we treat others.
2. The kind and gentle words we use for others will be returned to us.

EXERCISES

Answer the following :—

1. What is the golden rule ? Tell it in your own words.

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2. Why did Rajeev run back to his father from the cave ?

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3. What did Rajeev's father say when they went back to the cave ?

Fill in the blanks :—

1. He went _____ and saw a _____

2. The kind and _____ words we use for _____ will be _____ to us.

4. A Pleasant Surprise

Many people are selfish and rude. Some are kind and loving. A kind person is loved by all around him. He is always cheerful, happy and likes to be kind to others.

Kindness should be shown not only to your friends, but also to your enemies. We must never choose certain ones to help. But we must help and be kind to anyone who needs our help, even if it is a poor man on the street. We should make our parents happy by being kind to them. Kindness should be shown to our teachers also, who impart so much knowledge to us.

Raman was a very helpful student in his school. One day while he was walking back home, he saw a woman carrying a heavy bag. She was having a hard time with it. He went forward and helped her carry it home. When they reached her house, the lady invited him in. As he stepped inside the house, he was surprised to see his teacher seated at the writing table. Raman had not known that he had been helping his teacher's wife. His teacher was very pleased with Raman and this made Raman very happy.

If we are kind to others, God will surely remember us when we need help. When somebody is ill, we can give them some flowers or just visit them to show our love. We ought to be kind not only to human beings but also to animals, because God made them too.

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1. Kindness brings cheerfulness and happiness.

2. **Kindness knows no barriers of any kind.**
3. **God rewards kindness.**

EXERCISES

Answer the following :—

1. **Describe a person who is kind.**

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2. **Whom must we be kind to ?**

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3. **What are the results of being kind ?**

Fill in the blanks :

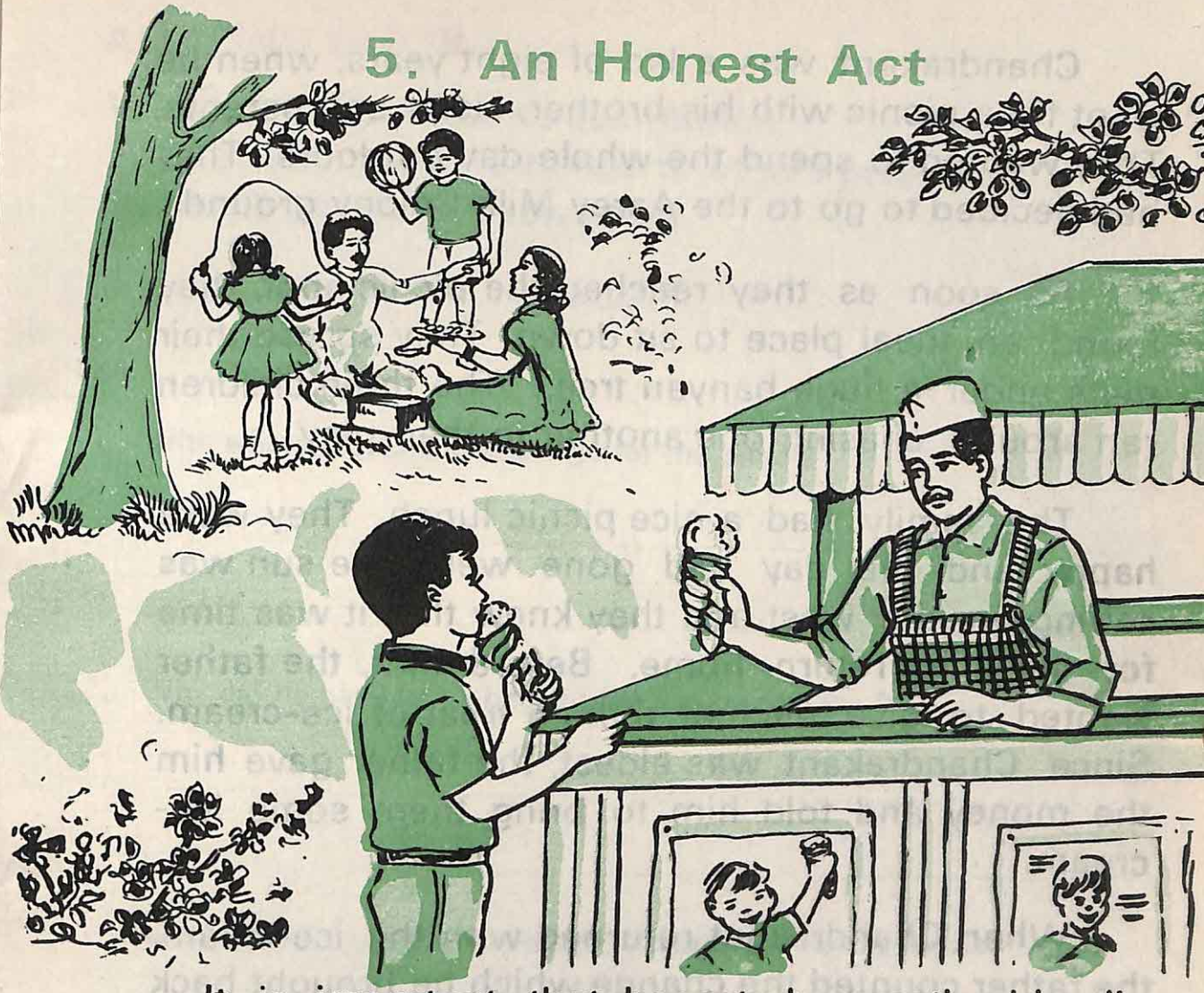
1. **A** ..... **person is** ..... **by all around him.**

2. **We must never** ..... **certain ones to** .....

3. **We ought to be** ..... **not only to** ..... **beings**

but also to .....

5. An Honest Act



It is important that honesty be practised in all the details of life. We should be honest with each other and to God too.

Students can show their honesty in the class-room tests, examinations and home-work. They can be honest with their teachers and parents too.

Honesty gives moral courage and strength. It brings a reward.

Chandrakant was a lad of eight years, when he went for a picnic with his brother, sister and parents. They wanted to spend the whole day outdoors. They had decided to go to the Aarey Milk Colony grounds.

As soon as they reached the picnic spot, they found an ideal place to sit down. They spread their mats under a huge banyan tree. The three children ran around, chasing one another in their play.

The family had a nice picnic lunch. They were happy and the day had gone well. The sun was setting in the west and they knew that it was time for them to return home. Before that, the father wanted to give each of them a treat of ice-cream. Since Chandrakant was eldest, the father gave him the money and told him to bring them some ice-cream.

When Chandrakant returned with the ice-cream, the father counted the change which he brought back and noticed that he had been given some extra change. The money was more than it should have been, so father sent Chandrakant back to return the extra money to the shop-keeper.

The shop-keeper listened to what Chandrakant had to tell him and was much pleased that he had brought back the money; he gave him another bar of ice-cream as a reward for his honesty

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1. Honesty overcomes temptation.
2. Returning what belongs to others gives joy.
3. Honesty is often rewarded.

EXERCISES

Answer the following :—

1. With whom did Chandrakant go for the pinic ?

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2. Why did he have to go back to the ice-cream man ?

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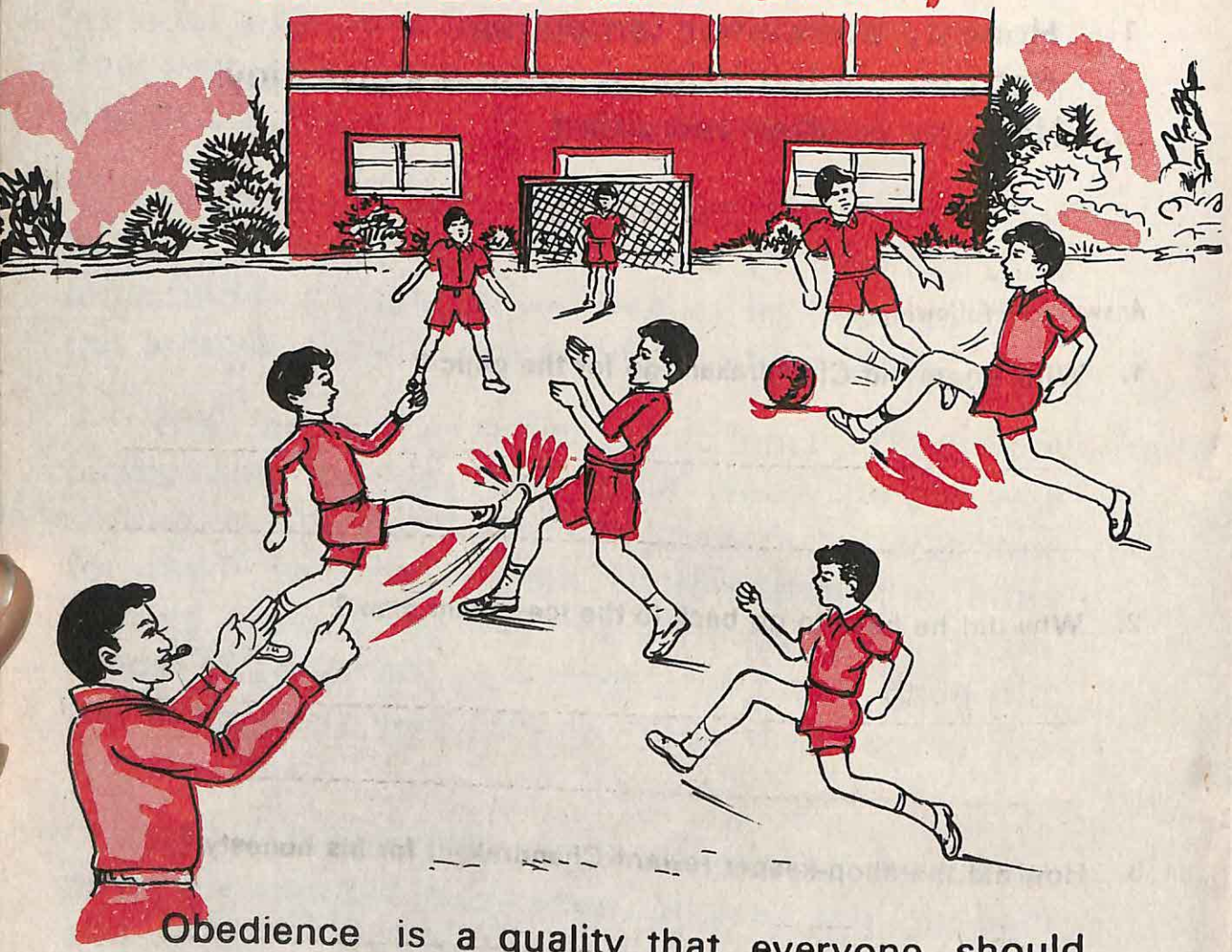
3. How did the shop-keeper reward Chandrakant for his honesty ?

Fill in the blanks :—

1. They had.....to go to the.....Milk Colony.
2. Since Chandrakant was ....., the father gave him the.....and told him to bring them some.....

6. A Desirable Quality



Obedience is a quality that everyone should have. It is one of the most important qualities in life. We show our love to others through obedience. It brings us true happiness and freedom in life.

Parents and teachers expect children to be obedient. When they see children being obedient, they are extremely happy. Disobedient children always bring sadness and misery. The act of disobedience hurts the child as well as the parents and teachers.

Govind was studying in the third standard. He was good in his studies and sports. He was considered to be the best football player in his class. But he did not care to observe the rules of the game. During the Physical Training class, his teacher always told him to observe the rules of the game, but he did not take much notice of it.

The time came for Govind to play in a match with the team of another school. His team was competing fairly well with the other team. The spectators felt that Govind's team would surely win, but because of the negligence on Govind's part in following the specific rules of the game, he was disqualified to play in the match. It was a disgrace to him as well as to the school he represented.

Our parents and teachers teach us what is right. We should obey them out of our love for them. This will please God. When God is pleased, He will bless us.

It is very important for us to know that God measures our obedience to Him by the way we obey our parents, teachers and elders.

AMAZING FACTS

1. Obedience is an expression of love.
2. Obedience brings happiness and freedom.

EXERCISES

Answer the following :—

1. **How does obedience help us ?**

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2. **What happens to parents when their children are disobedient ?**

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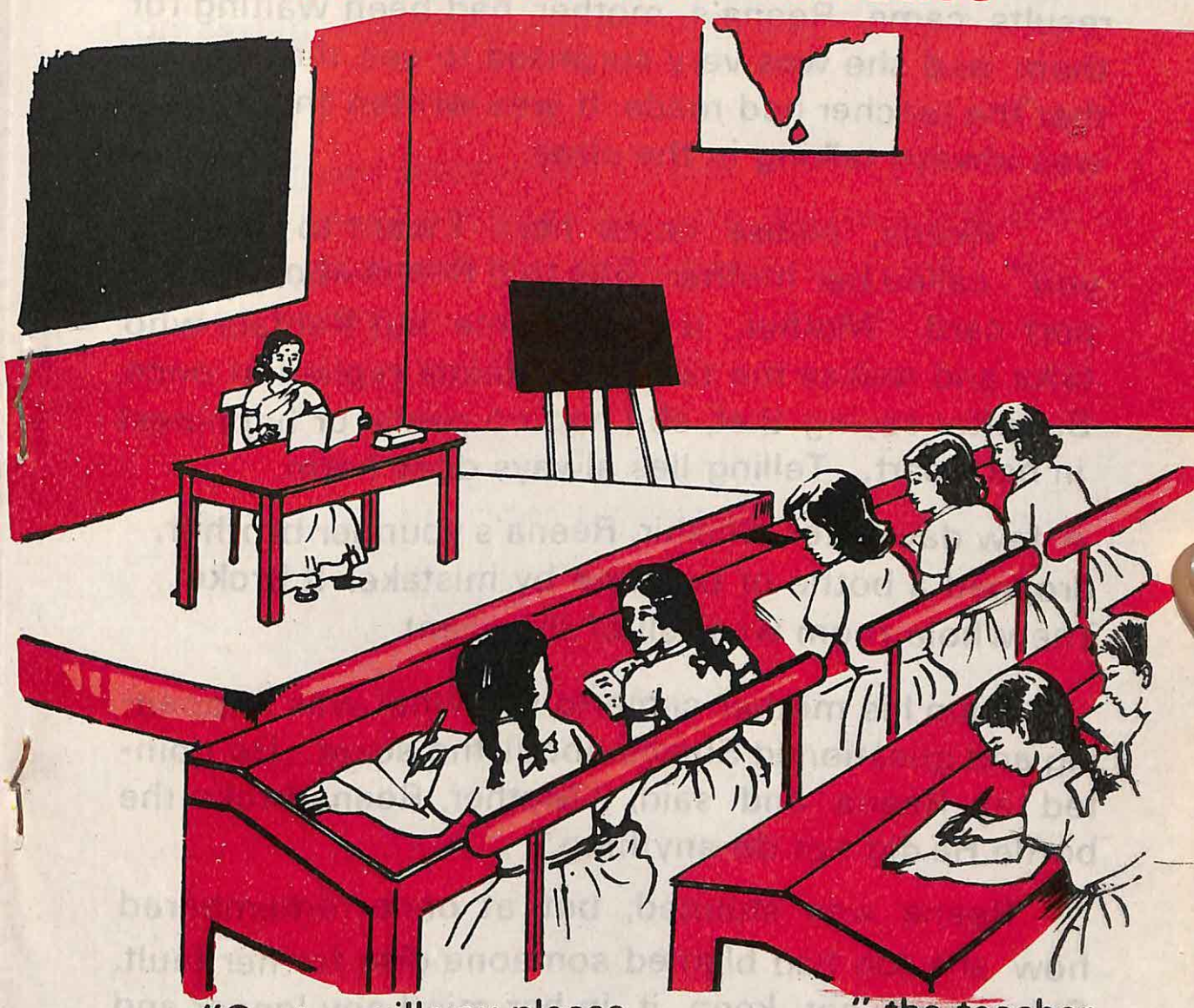
3. **What was the cause for the defeat of Govind's team in the match ?**

Fill in the blanks :—

1. **The act of ..... hurts the ..... as well as the ..... and .....**

2. **When God is ..... He will ..... us.**

7. Reena The Talkative



"Geeta, will you please....." the teacher banged the table and told the girls to pay attention to what she was saying.

Reena and Geeta were in third standard. Reena was very talkative. Her teacher had to check or punish her for this many times.

The school examinations were over and the results came. Reena's mother had been waiting for them and she was very surprised to see the remarks that the teacher had made. It was written that Reena was always talking in the class.

"Reena, please come here. I want to talk with you", called her mother. She told Reena about the report card. "Mother, it is not me but Kamala who talks and makes me talk too," Reena replied at once. But after saying that, she had no peace or happiness in her heart. Telling lies always does harm.

A few days later, Shishir, Reena's younger brother, dropped a bottle of perfume by mistake. It broke. The whole room was full of the scent.

Soon his mother came to see what was happening and questioned Shishir about the scent. He pointed at Reena and said, "Mother, Reena broke the bottle.He did not do anything."

Reena was stunned, but at once remembered how she too had blamed someone else for her fault. She could not keep it in her mind any longer and told her mother about it. Shishir, who had been listening to the confession, felt ashamed of himself and told the truth too.

We must always make things right because it will surely bring us joy and happiness.

Mother was very happy to see both her children confessing their faults and telling the truth.

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1. Telling lies always does harm.
2. It is human to blame others for our own mistakes.
3. Confession of our faults makes our heart light and happy.

EXERCISES

Answer the following :—

1. Why was Reena's mother surprised when she saw the report card ?

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2. Why must we always make things right ?

Fill in the blanks :—

1. Mother, it is _____ but Kamala who _____ and makes me talk too.

2. Mother was very _____ to see both her Children _____ _____ their faults and telling the _____

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8. Truth Triumphs

A little boy named Pradeep liked to watch his father chop fire-wood to use in the kitchen. Pradeep also wanted to chop wood, but the big axe was too heavy for him. He wanted to have a smaller one for himself, so he asked his father to buy one for him.

Father hesitated, thinking that Pradeep would hurt himself, but he kept asking for it. One day, the father bought a nice axe for his son.

Pradeep was very much excited about the axe and wanted to use it more often than was necessary.

Pradeep's father had a beautiful garden where he had planted many plants and now they were big and growing well. He was very proud of his garden.

One afternoon, Pradeep went into the garden and without giving a thought, started choping the fruit trees. He cut a number of them without realizing that he had damaged the garden.

Father came home from his work and as was his custom, went into the garden to have a look at the trees. To his shock and deep sorrow, he saw many trees chopped off. Meanwhile Pradeep came into the garden. Father turned to him and said, "If I only knew who destroyed my garden, I would give him a good thrashing."

Pradeep came near his father, hung his head and said, "Father, I did it." Pradeep waited for the beating from his father, but instead, he felt his father's arms around him. "I would rather lose all the fruit trees in my garden than hear my son tell a lie," said his father.

Telling the truth is a noble act. Brave boys tell the truth ; they are not afraid of the consequences. They are respected among their friends and in society. God honours truthfulness.

AMAZING FACTS

1. Being truthful is rewarded.
2. Truthfulness knows no fear of consequences.
3. Truth triumphs.

EXERCISES

Answer the following :—

1. What did the little boy want ?

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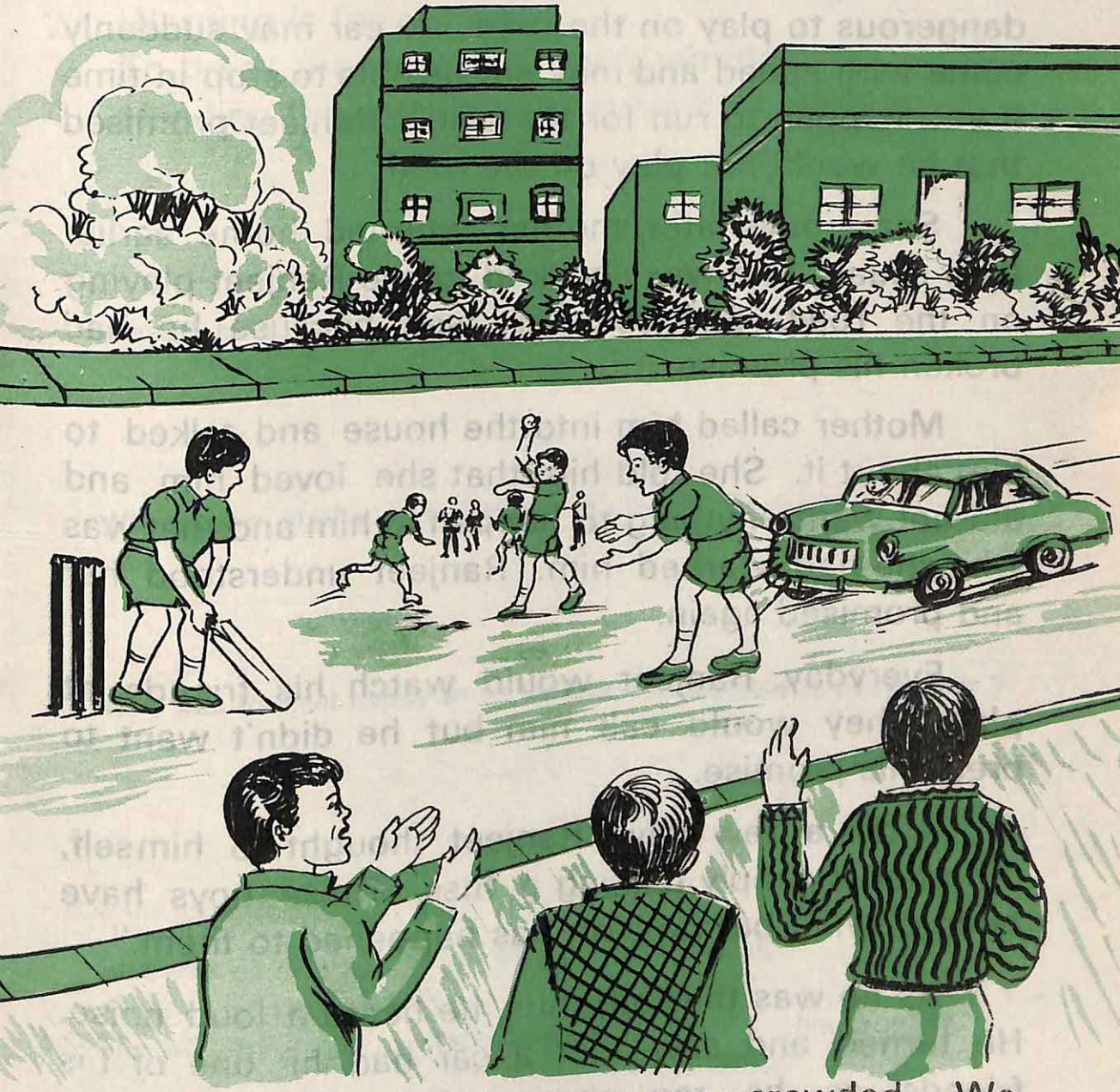
2. Why did the father hesitate to give it to his son ?

Fill in the blanks :—

1. Father came---------- from his work and as was---------- ----------, went into the garden.

2. I would rather---------- all the---------- trees in my garden than hear my---------- tell a ----------.

9. Roadside Danger



Big cities like Bombay are very crowded. We see buildings all around us. There are only a few parks, therefore many boys play games on the road.

Ranjeet was a very active boy and used to play cricket on the road with his friends. His mother came to know about it and warned him. She said, "Son, it is dangerous to play on the road. A car may suddenly come with speed and may not be able to stop in time if you happen to run for the ball." Ranjeet promised that he would not play on the road.

Some days later, mother returned home earlier than usual. She was shocked to see Ranjeet playing on the road. She felt very sad because he had broken his promise.

Mother called him into the house and talked to him about it. She told him that she loved him and did not want anything to happen to him and that was why she had warned him. Ranjeet understood her and promised again.

Everyday Ranjeet would watch his friends at play. They would call him but he didn't want to break his promise.

After a few days, Ranjeet thought to himself, "Mother is simply making a fuss. These boys have been playing but nothing has happened to them."

As he was thinking thus, he heard a loud noise. He turned and saw that a car had hit one of his friends as he ran across the road. Luckily, he wasn't very badly injured. How happy Ranjeet was because he had kept the promise to his mother.

AMAZING FACTS

1. Playing on roads is dangerous.
2. Warning is for our good.
3. To break promises is a great temptation.
4. Heeding the warning keeps us from danger.

EXERCISES

Answer the following :

1. Why do boys play on the roads in cities like Bombay ?

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2. Why did not mother want Ranjeet to play on the road ?

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3. Why was Ranjeet happy when he kept his promise to his mother ?

Fill in the blanks :

1. She was _____ to see Ranjeet on the road.
2. She felt very _____ because he had _____ his promise.
3. _____ he wasn't very badly _____.

10. Misjudgement

Mrs. Vora was a teacher in a school which was far from her home, so she had to travel by bus. The buses were usually crowded and the trips unpleasant.

On this particular day, she had given her students a test. Thus she had a heavy load of copies to carry home. She had to correct them in time for school the next day.

When she got on the bus, she suddenly remembered that she had to buy a few things before she went home, so she stopped at one of the stores and bought all that she needed. By now, her arms were full.

The shop was very near her home, so she started walking home. She stumbled on the road and dropped all the parcels and exercise books she had in her hand. She was a little annoyed. As she was picking up the copies, she looked up and saw a young man passing by. She expected him to help her, but theman just smiled at her and went on

Mrs. Vora was angry with that gentleman. She started thinking bad things about him. She thought he had no manners whatsoever."What a rude man !" she said.

With great difficulty, she managed to pick up all her belongings. She could still see the man in front of her. Just then, there was a strong breeze, and to her surprise, the sleeves of the coat which the man wore, moved along with the breeze.

At once Mrs. Vora realized that the man had no hands and therefore he couldn't have helped her, but gave her the smile instead. She knew that she had been wrong in judging him so badly when she hadn't even stopped to see his difficulties.

We must always think twice before judging others, because a hasty judgement may be wrong.

AMAZING FACTS

1. Any person in need looks for help.
2. When we expect help from others we should think of their difficulties too.
3. Think twice before judging others.
4. Hasty judgement may be wrong.

EXERCISES

Answer the following :

1. What work did Mrs. Vora do ?

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2. What did she think of the young man who did not pick up the books for her ?

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3. Why must we not judge others hastily ?

Fill in the blanks :

1. The_____were usually crowded and the rides_____.
2. _____started thinking _____ things about him.
3. We must always_____twice, before _____ others, because a_____judgement may be wrong.

11. The Hand That Helped

It was a rainy day. An old woman with gray hair, was walking very slowly along the road. The wind was tugging at her umbrella. Her feeble feet and hands were trembling. She was afraid that she would slip and fall on the slippery road. She was also afraid that the traffic would knock her down if she did not cross the road fast enough.

There were other people walking on the road, but no one cared to give her a helping hand.

The school was over. All the students were rushing back home. A group of boys came towards the old lady. They were laughing and shouting. This lady reached the crossing and stood there, waiting for the boys to cross first.

One of the boys came and stood beside her. He whispered, "I will help you across." The old woman put her weak hand on the strong arm of the young boy and thus he safely guided the trembling feet along. The boy felt proud of his firm and strong body.

The boy walked back to his friends and said, "She is somebody's mother, so old and weak and slow. I hope someone will lend a hand to help my mother, if ever she is poor and old and weak, when her own dear son is far away."

When this somebody's mother reached her home she bowed her head in prayer and said, "God, be kind to the noble young boy, who is somebody's son and pride and joy."

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1. We ought to look for opportunities to help others.
2. We should be willing to help wherever help is needed.
3. Being grateful is a virtue.

EXERCISES

Answer the following :

1. What was the old woman afraid of ?

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2. Who helped the old woman across the road ?

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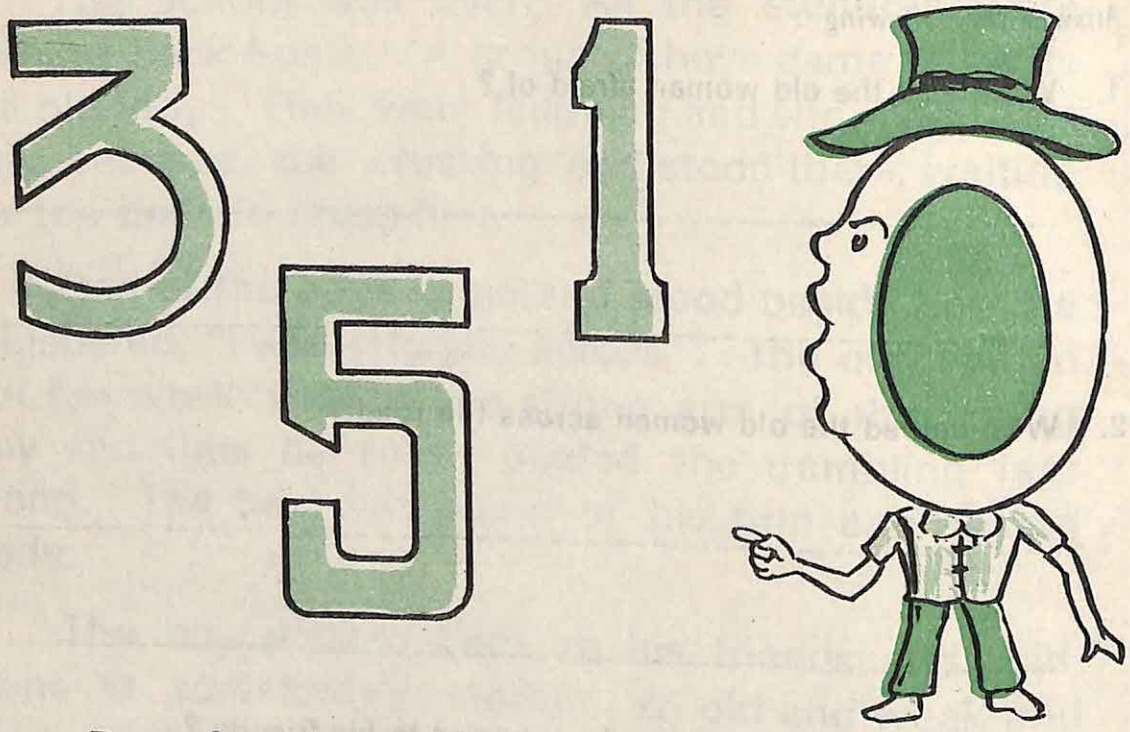
3. What did the boy say when he returned to his friends ?

Fill in the blanks :

1. The wind was_____ at her_____.
2. The boy felt_____ of his_____ and_____ body.
3. God be_____ to the_____ young boy.

12. Value Increased



Day after day, things go on the same way. You want peace and happiness around you, but how can you achieve that ? Certainly it is not possible by one's own efforts, but by uniting one's efforts with others. Our combined efforts increase the value of its parts. Each part become more useful and powerful.

Some numbers were standing in a group. Among them were the numbers Three, Five, One and Zero. As everyone was talking, Zero looked at himself and thought, "All these numbers have some value, but I am of no use at all. think I will go away." And away he went.

The rest of the numbers continued talking. They hadn't noticed the departure of Zero. Suddenly the leader arrived and as he looked around he knew that somethig was wrong. He then realised that Zero was not to be seen anywhere.

The leader searched for Zero and found him in bed, covered up and sobbing aloud. On seeing the leader, Zero burst out, "I know I am of no use. I don't have any value. Everyone looks down upon me. I wish I were great."

The leader led him by the hand into the room against his wish. He called the number One and asked him to stand at a particular place and then told Zero to stand next to him. He said, "Look here Zero, without you, One was not as valuable as when you joined him." The leader then called Zero's brother to stand next to him and to their surprise the number was hundred times as valuable.

There will surely be a lot of difference if each one of us does his little part in everything to the best of his ability. Each one has his value. No one is useless. We don't need to get discouraged. However insignificant you may be, if you stand for God, He will increase your value manyfold and make you useful to the community.

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1. Society is composed of the weak and the strong, the privileged and the under privileged.
2. The weak get discouraged when they think of their own value and helplessnees.
3. The weak when joined with the strong increase their value and usefulness

EXERCISES

Answer the following :

1. How can you achieve peace and happiness around you ?

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2. Why was Zero sobbing on his bed ?

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3. What happens when you stand for God ?

Fill in the blanks :

1. Our combined..... increase the..... of its.....
2. No one is.....
3. He said, "Look here Zero, without..... One was not as ..... as when you..... him."

13. Being Mindful Of The Needy

We all have friends with whom we play, talk, laugh or study. We have some at school and others around our homes.

Roshini and Lata were class-mates. Both of them loved to go to school. They did their lessons well.

These friends always stayed together. During lunch-break, they ate their food together. For some days, Roshini noticed that Lata brought very little food for her lunch. She asked Lata why she did not bring more food. Lata did not want to say that there was no money in the home to buy a lot of food, so she said she did not feel hungry at lunch-time.

Many days passed by. One day, Roshini said, "Lata, I want to borrow your science book. I will come to your home this evening and pick it up." Lata could not tell her not to come.

That evening when Roshini went to Lata's house, she was surprised to see a very small thatched hosue, but she did not show her surprise. She did not say anything about it. She sat for some time, took the book and returned home.

Later, Roshini started bringing more food to school, but she did not want Lata to think she was bringing that extra bit for her. So, she gave some excuse each time, and in a very tactful manner shared her food with Lata. She tried to help her in every possible way. And the friendship grew stronger.

How are we ? How many of us are willing to help those around us who need the help we can give ? Let us try to share our things hereafter and we will be much happier than we are now.

AMAZING FACTS

1. Recognizing others' needs and helping them is important in life.
2. Sharing our things with others is satisfying.

EXERCISES

Answer the following :

1. Why didn't Lata bring enough food for her lunch ?

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2. Why was Roshini surprised when she went to Lata's home ?

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3. How did Roshini help her friend ?

Fill in the balnks :

1. They did their _____ well.
2. And the _____ grew _____.
3. Let us try to _____ our _____ hereafter.

14. Being Kind To Animals

Ramesh and Suresh were brothers. Ramesh was a kind boy and hated to hurt others. He loved animals and birds. Whereas Suresh loved aiming at birds with his airgun.

One day, Suresh told his brother that he was going to shoot some birds and asked him if he would like to accompany him. Ramesh refused and went out into the garden and started swinging on the swing.

Not long after that, Ramesh saw a beautiful parrot flapping it's wings vigorously, before it fell to the ground. At once Ramesh realised that it was Suresh who had harmed the bird. He ran and picked it up. He took it home and applied some medicine and the bird felt better. His brother did not come into his room often, so it was easy to hide the bird. Thus Ramesh took care of it till it was completely healed.

A few days later, Suresh happened to see the parrot in a cage. He recognised it and told Ramesh to give it to him because he was the one who had seen it first. Ramesh said, "You shot at the bird, which is an act of cruelty. If I had not found and nursed it, it would have died. I saved it's life and so I have more rights on it."

Thus both the brothers started fighting. Hearing all the noise, the father went to them. Both the sons told their story. Dad asked Ramesh to leave the parrot on the table and then told each of them to call the bird by turns. The first chance was given to Suresh. He called and called, but the bird did not move from it's place. Next, Ramesh called. As soon as the parrot heard his voice, it looked around and saw Ramesh. It flew to him immediately. The father said that the parrot belonged to Ramesh, because it had recognized his love towards it.

Even animals and birds recognize kindness and cruelty shown to them by human beings.

AMAZING FACTS

1. Animals are created for man.
2. Animals recognize kindness and cruelty shown to them.
3. If we love God, we will love His creatures and treat them lovingly.

EXERCISES

Answer the following :

1. What did Suresh decide to do one day ?

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2. Where did Ramesh hide the parrot ?

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3. Why did the parrot recognize Ramesh's voice ?

Fill in the balnks :

1. He applied some..... and the bird felt better.
2. I saved it's..... and so i have more..... on it.
3. The..... said that the bird belonged to Ramesh, because it had..... his..... towards it.

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